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MEMO FOR FILE

RE: Small Dams and Reservoirs, Head of Provo River Drainage

FROM: S. Bryce Montgomery, Area Engineer

DATE: November 7, 1968

*Re: Provo River system*

This date by invitation from the U. S. Forest Service, I met in a meeting in the Kamas Ranger Station with the following:

John Gillman, Pres. of Provo Reservoir Co.  
Glen Wright, Provo City Engineer  
Harry Collard, Director, Provo Reservoir Co.  
Ervin Anderson, Pres. of Timanogas Irrigation Co. and  
watchman for upper lakes  
Sherman Giles, Deputy Provo River Commissioner  
Larry Colton, Forest Service Ranger at Kamas  
Ted Wood, Forest Service Engineer, SLC

The main purpose of the meeting was concern over Forest Service inspection results of small dams and lakes at the head of the Provo River in which Provo Reservoir Co. and Provo City claim rights. These lakes by name are: Washington, Trial, Lost, Duck, Long, Fire, Island, Crytal, Tea Pot, and Wall.

Mr. Woods inspections indicated that the spillways of the lakes need repaired or replaced, cleaned of debris, and debris deflectors installed, and splash boards kept out.

The question was brought up by concerned users of the storage water as to what is a safe water level in the respective reservoirs under present conditions. A discussion followed as to what a safe freeboard is, with figures of 2 and 3 ft. referred to. Mr. Wood stated that with the exception of Trial Lake no levels have been run across the crests of the various dams in comparison with the existing lip level of the spillways. A date of Tuesday, November 12, 1968, was set for Mr. Wood to go out with Mr. Ervin Anderson on the various dams to run these necessary levels.

Following the running of the levels, Mr. Wood through Ray Daley, Forest Engineer in Salt Lake City, would issue to the reservoir users and Sherman Giles, Deputy Commission, what the safe maximum storage levels will be for each reservoir.

Question was brought up by Mr. Gillman and Mr. Wright as to what the storage periods and rights amounted to for the lakes. Mr. Giles stated that he had distributed this water as the commissioners had done heretofore; however, he asked the State Engineer's Office to help clarify any questions on these rights.

Also, the State Engineer's office was asked to see if there are of record any dam plans or capacity curves for any of the subject reservoirs.

cc: Donald Norseth  
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